

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. In communications filed on 9/2/2008, applicant amends claims 1, 5, 7-10, 13-15, 21, 27, 28, 32, 34, and 36; and cancels claims 3-4. The following claims 1, 2, and 5-36 are presented for examination.

1.1 Applicant's arguments, filed on 9/2/2008, have been fully considered and they are persuasive in the light of the Examiner's amendment.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's attorney on 11/21/2008 and 11/22/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
maintaining, on a server for each of a plurality of computing systems, data specifying which resources are authorized for the computing system;

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receiving, by a configuration agent at the server, an identifier associated with a computing system and a computing system user, wherein the identifier associated with the computing system and computing system user comprises a telephone number associated with a first communications device associated with the computing system and is received from a the first communications device associated with the computing system ~~user~~, wherein the first communications device is not coupled directly to the computing system, and wherein the first communications device is selected from the group consisting of:

- a wireless telephony unit,
- a cellular telephone,
- a personal digital assistant,
- a personal computer,
- a KIOSK terminal,
- an automated teller machine,
- a wireline telephony unit,
- a facsimile machine,
- a video media player,
- an audio system, and
- a software defined radio unit;

obtaining, by the configuration agent, from the server, data that specifies authorized resources corresponding to the received identifier;

interrogating, by the configuration agent, the computing system to produce an assessment indicating existing hardware and/or software resources available on the computing system,

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wherein software resources include one or more of an operating system, application(s), and personalized configuration setting information;

comparing, by the configuration agent, the authorized resources with the assessment to identify one or more resources authorized but not installed on the computing system, wherein one or more resources authorized but not installed does not include updates of currently installed resources; and

automatically modifying by the configuration agent the computing system resources by installing the one or more identified resources.

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the identifier is received from ~~the computing system and/or~~ the first communications device associated with the computing system ~~user~~ remote from the computing system, the method further comprising:

automatically modifying resources of the computing system based, at least in part, on an assessment of the communications device resources.

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 8, wherein the identifier is further comprises one or more of ~~a telephone number associated with the user~~, an electronic serial number (ESN) of the first communications device associated with the computing system ~~user~~, an electronic identifier associated with the computing system, and/or a serial number associated with one or more hardware and/or software resources of the computing system.

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the identifier is further comprises one or more of ~~a telephone number associated with the user~~, an electronic serial number (ESN) of the first communications device associated with the computing system user, an electronic identifier associated with the computing system, and/or a serial number associated with one or more hardware and/or software resources of the computing system.

13. (Currently Amended) A server comprising:

- a storage device to maintain a profile of personal resources specifying, for each of a plurality of computing systems, resources that are authorized for each of the plurality of computing systems; and
- a configuration agent, coupled to the storage device, to perform a method comprising:
 - receiving, from a communications device associated with a computing system ~~user~~, an identifier associated with the communications device, wherein the identifier comprises a telephone number and the communications device is not coupled directly to the computing system;
 - invoking an identification function to correlate the identifier to a corresponding computing system;
 - generating an assessment of current resources of the corresponding computing system;
 - identifying, by comparing the assessment with the resources that are authorized, one or more of the resources that are authorized and that are missing from the corresponding computing

system, wherein one or more of the resources that are authorized and missing does not include updates of a currently installed-resource; and

automatically configuring resources of the corresponding computing system to include the identified resources that are authorized and that are missing.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A server according to claim ~~46~~ 13, wherein the configuration agent further automatically modifies communications device resources based, at least in part, on an assessment of communications device resources.

19. (Currently Amended) A server according to claim 13, wherein the identifier is further comprises one or more of ~~a telephone number associated with the user~~, an electronic serial number (ESN) of the first communications device associated with the computing system ~~user~~, an electronic identifier associated with the computing system, a serial number associated with one or more hardware and/or software resources of the computing system.

21. (Currently Amended) A storage medium comprising a plurality of executable instructions including at least a subset of which that, when executed, implement a configuration agent at a server to perform a method comprising:

maintaining, for each of a plurality of computing systems, data specifying resources that are authorized for the computing system;

conducting an assessment of computing system resources upon receipt of an identifier associated with the computing system wherein the identifier comprises a telephone number and is received from a communications device remote from the computing system;

identifying, by comparing the assessment with corresponding data specifying resources that are authorized, one or more of the resources that are authorized which are missing from the computing system, wherein one or more missing resources that are authorized does not include updates of currently installed resources; and

automatically downloading and installing on the computing system the missing resources that are authorized.

26. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to claim 21, ~~wherein the identifier is received from a communications device remote from the computing system, and~~ wherein the configuration agent automatically modifies computing system resources and communications device resources based, at least in part, on assessment of system resources of the computing system and communications device.

27-36. (Cancelled)

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1, 2, 5-15, 17-26 are allowed.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CARL COLIN whose telephone number is (571)272-3862. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 8:00-6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nasser G. Moazzami can be reached on 571-272-4195. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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